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The object of the invention is achieved by the characteristics in claim 4 a lamp, wherein at least the outer layer and/or at least one inner layer of the interference filter (3) comprises a protective layer (4) to reduce thermal and/or intrinsic stresses, and wherein the thickness of the protective layer (4) or protective layers (4) has a value below 40% of the value of all other layers with the lower refractive index..

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One The preferred embodiment according to claim 3 requires that the layer of the interference filter with the lower refractive index preferably comprises SiO_2 and that the second layer of the interference filter comprises a material which has a higher refractive index than SiO_2 , preferably mainly zirconium oxide (ZrO_2).

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The preferred One embodiment in claim 4 requires that the second layer comprises a material from the group of titanium oxide, tantalum oxide, niobium oxide, hafnium oxide, silicon nitride, particularly preferably zirconium oxide ZrO_2 , or a mixture of these materials. ZrO_2 is particularly preferred as it absorbs less and is more temperature-resistant than most other materials.

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The object of the present invention is also achieved by an illumination unit with at least
| one lamp according to any one of the claims-~~1 to 6~~.